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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Joseph T. Voitach

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 4, 6-9 and 11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 4, 6-9 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

This application filed April 27, 2001 is a continuation of 09/443,766 filed November 19, 1999, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to PCT/US98/10318, filed May 20, 1998, which claims benefit to provisional application 60/047,181, filed May 20, 1997.

Applicants amendment filed June 22, 2004, has been received and entered. The specification has been amended. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 10 have been canceled. Claims 2, 7, 8, 9 and 11 have been amended. Claims 2, 4, 6-9 and 11 are pending and currently under examination.

Information Disclosure Statement

It is noted that the references were not supplied because they are available in application 09/443,766. The references provided in English have been reviewed and considered. A signed and initialed copy of the IDS is provided with this action.

Oath/Declaration

It is noted that copies of two separate declarations have been filed and are present in the file. Consistent with the declarations filed in 09/443,766, one copy contains alterations which have not been initialed. The substitute declarations that were subsequently filed June 28, 2001, are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67.

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Claim Objections

Claim 10 objected to because of the following informalities: position is misspelled "posiiton" is withdrawn.

Claim 10 has been canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

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Claim 11 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention is withdrawn.

The literal support pointed by Applicants in the instant specification is sufficient to overcome the basis of the rejection. Specifically, the claims have been amended to address the specific basis of the rejection regarding the swine FUT1.

Claims 2, 4, 6-9 and 11 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention is withdrawn.

Amendments to the claims have obviated the basis of the rejection.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2, 4, 6-9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically:

Newly amended claim 2 is vague and unclear in the recitation of “as in SEQ ID NO: 12” because the metes and bounds of what “as in” are not clearly set forth. It is unclear if this requires the same sequence or something related to that found in SEQ ID NO: 12, and how

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related or different the claimed sequence and SEQ ID NO: 12 must be. The claim is indefinite because the phrase fails to define the metes and bounds of the claim. Claims 4-7 dependent on claim 2 fail to address the basis of the rejection.

Newly amended claims 8 and 9 are vague and unclear in the recitation of “derived from SEQ ID NO: 12” because the metes and bounds of what “derived from” are not clearly set forth. It is unclear how related or different the claimed sequence and SEQ ID NO: 12 can be. The claims are indefinite because the phrase fails to define the metes and bounds of the claims with respect to the term “derived”.

Newly amended claim 11 is indefinite and unclear in the recitation of “produced by amplification” because what is being amplified is not being clearly set forth in the claim nor the specification. The metes and bounds of the claim are not defined because it would be subject to how the amplification was done. Further, it is unclear if the restriction enzymes must cut the nucleic acid produced because it appears that even if CfoI(A) or AclI(B) did not cut the amplified sequences, i.e. a non-altered FUT1 sequence, the sequence may still be encompassed by the claim. Further clarifying what is amplified and the requirements of restriction enzyme digestion would address the basis of the rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(f) he did not himself invent the subject matter sought to be patented.

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Claims 2, 4, 6-10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(f) because the applicant did not invent the claimed subject matter is withdrawn.

It is noted that a common assignee has been made between the instant application and '859. Further, Examiner agrees that there is no specific evidence to doubt the true inventorship set forth in this application.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,596,923 is withdrawn.

As noted by Applicants, the claimed invention and that of '923 were subject to a restriction requirement, and thus considered patentably distinct inventions the requirements of 35 USC 120.

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Claims rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,355,859 is withdrawn.

Consistent with the requirements set forth in '923, the product and method of use could subject to a restriction requirement, and thus considered patentably distinct inventions the requirements of 35 USC 120.

Conclusion

No claim is allowed.

As noted in the previous office action the claims are free of the art of record. The art indicates that cell surface receptors on intestinal cells are the target molecules for *E. coli* colonization, and that the glycosylation on said receptors may be important in determining the ability of a particular *E. coli* to colonize the intestine. However, the art fails to specifically teach that an adenine at position 307 of the open reading frame of alpha (1,2) fucosyltransferase (FUT1) (SEQ ID NO: 12) can be correlated with resistance to *E. coli* strain F18 and possibly with the subsequent associated diseases.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the

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THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Woitach whose telephone number is (571) 272-0739.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Reynolds, can be reached at (571) 272-0734.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group analyst Dianiece Jacobs whose telephone number is (571) 272-0532.

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